**Blackford Community Council**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Tuesday 25th June 2019**

**Lower Hall, Moray Institute**

**Present**

Iain Paton (IP) Chair

Katharine Huggett (KH) Vice Chair

Janet Law (JL) Secretary

Irene McLaughlan (IM) Treasurer

Alison Dawson (AD) Community Councillor

Bob Watkinson (BW) Community Councillor

Councillor Crawford Reid (CR) Perth and Kinross Council

Tracey Millar (TM) Chair, Blackford Parent Council

Andrew Sinclair (AS) Chair, Blackford Community Fund Panel

**1. Apologies:** Councillor Murray Lyle, Councillor Crawford Reid, Richard Beith

**2. Minute of Previous Meeting** Proposed AD Seconded KH

**3. Matters Arising from Minutes of the Meeting of 28th May**

**Ceilidh:**The Treasurer reported that the income from the Ceilidh (after deduction of the float) was £877, the catering costs were £253.58, and the hall hire was £76.50, leaving a profit of £516.92, plus £200 contribution from the Community Fund, £716.92 in total.

**PKC Acess Officer (response to recent queries re new footbridge at Panholes and paths):**

“will seek the reinstatement of the land within 28 days. The path on the north heading east is as existing and was not subject to the permission granted.

“no works were proposed to the north path.  However, the 1m x 2m tactile paving installed in lieu of the 2m x 2m ‘type 1’ platt has necessitated incursion into the path on the north side….will include this to the provision of Condition 9 and seek seeding within 28 days as required reinstatement. For clarity, we are content that the 2x1 platt adequately provides the protection required by Condition 5 of the permission.

“ Flooding was considered as part of the permission from the perspective of the impact the development could have on neighbouring land. The development undertaken meets the requirements of condition 8 of the permission. A french drain has been installed to the south of the track but this was not required by the permission but was instigated by Network Rail as a measure to alleviate the effects of surface water on the path.

“While the temporary lighting is in place we are content that lighting is provided for and therefore we are not concerned about the permanent provision.”

KH had also received a letter from Eddie Jordan PKC Planning Enforcement Officer, which says that Network Rail have been given 28 days. to make good the land for seeding. KH also noted that Planning Condition says that the trees should have been protected. KH has written to Planning Enforcement Officer to say that the 28 days have elapsed

**St Margarets Hospital:** The hedge at entrance to St Margaret’s Hospital has been cut back but there are still problems of visibility for vehicles leaving. CRagreed to pursue further **CR**

T**rees obstructing view at exit onto A9** CR has spoken to BEAR about trees on A9. Trees are thought to be on Blackford Farms land. CR to pursue further **CR**

**Moray Institute Clock:** KH proposedthanks to Kerr Smith of Live Active for new clock in small hall and repair to clock in main hall  **JL**

**Storage for New Tables** IM, KH and JL met with Ryan Graham of PKC property. Games Committee are also seeking permission to build display cabinet. IM has received a form from PKC to get formal permission for both pieces of work. **IM**

**4. Other business**

KH suggested that the Community Council needs a logo and circulated a design with the goose from the carved stone at Loaninghead, which was met with critical aclaim. The design is to be worked on. **KH**

**5. Secretary’s Report**

**Correspondence List Tabled**

***Previously circulated to Community Councillors on email***

PKC Placechangers Programme for Young People 8th June Perth

PKC Local Action Partnership Awareness Raising Event Sat 29 June, Perth

Auchterarder Provosts Walk Path Phase 3 Opening Event Wed 3rd July

Councillor Reid: Letter to Transport Scotland

This was circulated. A member of the public reported that visibility at junction was better before trees on Blackford Farms Land grew. CR reported that BEAR Scotland will look at the situation. CR reported that there have been three articles in the local press about the campaign for improvements to the A9 in the area.

PKC Community Councils Flow Chart for Elections, Accounts and AGMs 2019-20

Local Governance Review Newsletter

Scottish Ambulance Service - New Clinical Response Model

SHARE - Recruiting for Research, Improving our Health

Solhiem Cup Community Drop-in Session: IM and KH hope to attend **IM KH**

Blackford Primary School Parent Council: Blackford School Crossing Patroller

Tracey Millar Chair of Parent Council reported that there had been a near miss on the crossing yesterday when a child and parent had narrowly avoided being injured by a vehicle. Copy of letter from TM to PKC was circulated.

Parent Council sought the support of the Community Council for the request to PKC for the immediate appointment of a temporary replacement for August. TM understood the incident was reported to HS, as it was understood that the driver was going to HS. BW emphasised that it should be reported to the Police. CR suggested that there should be a crossing with lights. TM agreed with this suggestion. CR also suggested an additional VAS. After discussion , IP proposed that the CC should push for the crossing to be upgraded. This was agreed.,CR agreed to speak to PKC Roads Department **CR**

Auchterarder CC re A823 Glendevon Closure

Signs went up on 19th June at the top and bottom of the glen announcing that the road will be closed for 3 weeks 1 - 19 July 2019. email from PKC roads forwarded to ACC by Tom Gray gives more information on the closure:

JL to follow up about why BCC were not consulted and seek further information to be circulated **JL**

***Forwarded to KH***

PKC Planning User Forum Survey

***Forwarded to IM***

ScotWays subscription renewal

***Available from JL***

**NFP** Bid writing workshops: Edinburgh 5th Sept

**PKC Community Investment Fund:** Community Investment Fund for 2019/20 is now open. Two deadlines for applications have been agreed, Wednesday 21 August and Thursday 12 December.

**PKC Funding Alert for May 2019**

**Self Build Loan Fund** Information

**Rail User Express June**

**Matters Arising from Approved Minutes of the Twinning Committee Meeting of 19th  March (previously circulated**

**Draft Twinning Agreement** The Mayor of Trebsen is keen to sign a formal Twinning agreement between Trebsen and Blackford at the Trebsen Games. This would be signed on behalf of Trebsen Town Council and Blackford Community Council as democratically elected representatives of the communities.

JL has contacted PKC to get copies of Twinning agreements between other communities as suggested draft texts for an agreement between Blackford Community Council and Trebsen.

**Invitation to attend Trebsen Highland Games 2019** The Mayor of Trebsen had confirmed that accommodation in family homes will be available for 6 or 7 people as a delegation from Blackford attending the Trebsen Highland Games in September 2019.

Following the discussion at the Twinning Committee on 4th June, it is proposed that IM should attend to represent the CC as Chair of the Twinning Committee, and should sign the agreement.,

It is also proposed that the representative of Tullibardine Distillery, two representatives of the Games Committee and the spouse of one of them, as well as two representatives of the Fiddle Group should be part of the delegation to represent Blackford

The representatives of the Games Committee and the Fiddle Group are not seeking any financial support from the Community Council’s Fund for travel to Trebsen. Since the meeting of the Twinning Committee, Tullibardine Distillery have agreed to fund travel costs for their representative.

**6.Treasurer’s Report**

IM reported that funds in the bank are £2956.45, made up of £ £1,338.41 for the tables and cupboard conversion, £716.92 for travel to Trebsen, Community Council Administration Funds £901.12 + £1.08 in the savings account.

IM tabled information about Blackford Community Fund

Andrew Sinclair will forward information about drawing up a Community Action Plan which had been given to the Community Fund by Foundation Scotland.

**7. Planning Report**

The development fro Gleneagles Hotel at Easterton was approved by PKC.

Rail Yard: KH reported that there is still no more news from HS .AD reported that some fencing has been put in place, which is not consistent with the plans as approved. BW reported that hard standing has been put in place on the far side of railway at Slack Dale.

Recent work at jA9 junction was to fix gaps in tarmac. KH also noted that potholes are developing on the slip road north onto the A9

KH to write to PKC Roads Department re condition of Bardrill Road.

**8. P&K Councillors’ Reports**

CR reported that Live Active had withdrawn support for summer play scheme. However, Auchterarder Common Good Fund has agreed to fund the Playscheme as a temporary measure. TM reported a shortage of childcare in the area all year round, and that there was relief at the temporary reprieve.

Local Councillors had done everything they could to keep the A823 open and have pushed the Roads Department to get the work completed asap, and had suggested co-ordination with other agencies. CR to ensure that the signage for the closure is put in place to give plenty warning for drivers approaching the closure **CR**

**9.Strathallan Community Rail Partnership Report** No report

**10.Paths** **Group Report**

JL suggested that she write to Paths Group to ask if they are going to take responsibility for puting on pressure about the work needed to the Carsebreck Right of Way, and what is to happen to the funds which EDF had previously allocated.

**11. Police Report** No police in attendance

**12. A. O. C. B.** Next meeting August 27th

**13. Allocation of funds to assist Blackford residents with the costs of travel toTrebsen at the invitation of the Mayor of Trebsen in September 2019**

JL proposed that the Community Council contribute up to 100 per cent of the costs of travel from Blackford to Leipzig for Irene McLaughlan, Chair of the Twinning Committee to attend the Trebsen Highland Games September 2019, the total not to exceed the Fund raised at the Ceilidh for this purpose. Seconded AD This was agreed

The costs of purchasing tickets for this trip will be reported to the next meeting of the Community Council.

IM thanked the CC for the funding for her travel.

KH suggested that future fundraising might cover the costs of gifts for Trebsen.

It was agreed that KH would try to find a way of making a plaque with the new CC logo which could be sent to Trebsen as a gift from the Community Council.